SELECTED BIRD RECORDS FOR NEPAL

28 APRIL - 22 MAY 1985

(The order follows that of Inskipp "Birds of Nepal", 1985)

LITTLE GREBE Tachybaptus ruficollis
21 May - Pair observed feeding in waterside vegetation on Phewa Tal lake.

YELLOW BITTERN Ixobrychus sinensis
6 May - Two birds observed in flight over a jheel to the west of Tiger Tops, Chitwan.

LESSER WHISTLING TEAL Dendrocygna javanica
21 May - Four birds observed in reeds at the edge of Phewa Tal.

COTTON TEAL Nettapus coromandelianus
20 May - Two pairs observed flying over lily pads at Begnas Tal.

GADWALL Anas strepera
19 May - Three birds observed at the western end of Phewa Tal.

SNOW PARTRIDGE Lerwa lerwa
15 May - Birds calling between Pipar and Namrung (c13,000')

KOKLASS Pucrasia macrolopha
14 May - Female observed with chicks (photographed by R. Howard) at Pipar.

KALIJ Lophura leucomelana
10 May - A bird observed by guides in forest slopes below Pipar (c7,000').

COOT Fulica atra
21 May - One bird observed in company of small Pochard flock on Phewa Tal.

PHEASANT TAILED JACANA Hydrophasianus chirurgus
21 May - Pair observed feeding amongst flooded paddyfields at the western end of Phewa Tal.

BRONZE WINGED JACANA Metopidius indicus
21 May - Two birds observed feeding with the Pheasant tailed Jacanas at Phewa Tal.
PAINTED SNIPE Rostratula benghalensis

21 May - One bird observed feeding with the Jacanas at the western end of Phewa Tal.

[ 5 May - Elephant flushed a single bird feeding alongside the river near Tiger Tops, Chitwan.]

LESSER SAND PLOVER Charadrius mongolus

21 May - Flock of c43 observed on ploughed paddyfields at the western end of Phewa Tal. Photographs taken and sent to Tim and Carol Inskipp for verification.

TEMMINCK'S STINT Calidris temminckii

5 May - Two birds observed at the riverside near Meghauli, Chitwan.

WOOD SNIPE Gallinago nemoricola

11 May - 16 May - Two birds calling every morning at approx. 4 am till dawn, at Pipar. Very distinctive "swooshing" call.

REDSHANK Tringa totanus

20 May - A bird, disturbed by our presence, behaved as though it had chicks - Begnas Tal.

GREENSHANK Tringa nebularia

21 May - One bird observed with the Sandplovers at Phewa Tal.

WOOD SANDPIPER Tringa glareola

21 May - One bird observed with the Sandplovers at Phewa Tal.

COMMON TERN Sterna hirundo

21 May - Flock of 10 feeding over Phewa Tal.

BROWN WOOD OWL Strix leptogrammica

1 May - An extremely obliging bird observed at Gorkana (in the thick forest of the hunting park).

INDIAN NIGHTJAR Caprimulgus asiaticus

5 May - Bird calling at night at Tiger Tops (song recorded and identified the following day).

NEPAL HOUSE MARTIN Delichon nipalensis

1 May - A single bird observed in the suburbs of Kathmandu.

UPLAND PIPIT Anthus sylvanus

14 May - Nest containing four eggs discovered and photographed above Pipar.
STRATIFIED GREEN BULBUL  Pycnonotus striatus
17 May - A single bird observed by Dr. N. Picozzi on the descent from Pipar.

WREN  Troglodytes troglodytes
13 May - A single bird calling and later observed at Pipar.

WHITE BROWED BUSH ROBIN  Tarsiger indicus
12 May - A female caught in mist nets (weight - 14.5 gms).

BLACK THROATED THRUSH  Turdus ruficollis
15 May - A female observed in the trees at the lake edge at Pipar.

CROWNED LEAF WARBLER  Phylloscopus reguloides
11 May - One bird observed nest building on the wooded slopes up to Pipar at c8,000 feet.

GREENISH WARBLER  Phylloscopus trochiloides
12 May - One bird mist netted at Pipar, details as follows:
Weight - 8 gms  Length - 12 cm  Wing length - 63 mm
Emargination on 4, 5, 6
1 shorter than 2 by 19 mm
2 shorter than 3 by 8 mm
3 shorter than 4 by 2 mm
4 shorter than 5 by 1 mm
5 longer than 6 by 1 mm
6 longer than 7 by 3 mm
7 longer than 8 by 2 mm
8 equal to 9
9 longer than 10 by 1 mm

ORANGE BARRED LEAF WARBLER  Phylloscopus pulcher
12 May - One bird mist netted at Pipar, details as follows:
Weight - 6.5 gms  Wing length - 53 mm

YELLOW BROWED WARBLER  Phylloscopus inornatus
12 May - One bird mist netted at Pipar, details as follows:
Weight - 6 gms  Wing length - 54 mm
Emargination on 3, 4, 5, 6
1 shorter than 2 by 22 mm
2 shorter than 3 by 9 mm
3 shorter than 4 by 1 mm
4 shorter than 5 by 5 mm
5 longer than 6 by 5 mm
6 longer than 7 by 3 mm
7 longer than 8 by 1 mm
8 longer than 9 by 1 mm
9 longer than 10 by 1 mm
LITTLE PIED FLYCATCHER  Ficedula westermanni

17 May - Two pairs observed at Thulokobang on descent from Pipar, one bird carrying food.

RED BREASTED FLYCATCHER  Ficedula parva

1 May - One bird observed at Gokarna Hunting Park

GOLDEN HEADED BABBLER  Stachyris chrysaea

16 May - A bird observed in the forest near Thulokobang on descent from Pipar.

BROWN PARROTBILL  Paradoxornis unicolor

11 May - One bird observed in bamboo thicket below Pipar summit.

SPINY BABBLER  Turdoides nipalensis

4 May - A singing bird was heard and later observed at the Botanical Gardens, Godaveri (on scrubby hillside).

NEPAL CUTIA  Cutia nipalensis

30 April - One bird observed briefly on Pulchowki

16 May - A pair observed in the light forest near Thulokobang.

RED TAILED MINLA  Minla ignotincta

11 May - One bird observed in a mixed flock of Minlas below Pipar summit at c8,000 feet.

CRESTED BROWN TIT  Parus dichrous

14 May - Pair of birds observed bringing food for young in nest hole in dead tree at Pipar.

MRS. GOULD'S SUNBIRD  Aethopyga gouldiae

10 May - One bird observed at c7,500 feet below Pipar summit.

HAIR CRESTED DRONGO  Dicrurus hottentottus

21 May - Male singing in woods behind Fishtail Lodge at Phewa Tal (pair later observed).

HODGSON'S MOUNTAIN FINCH  Leucosticte nemoricola

15 May - Flock of c50 birds observed between Pipar and Kalki Danda.

SPOT WINGED ROSEFINCH  Carpodacus rhodopeplus

12 - 15 May - Several seen every day between these dates at Pipar.

SCARLET FINCH  Haematospiza sipahi

10 May - A pair observed at c6,000' below Pipar in a wooded clearing.